

Cell phone number portability is long overdue. I've been with Verizon Wireless for since the 90s, but haven't been able to take my phone number to a different carrier. I used to have both a home number and cell phone, but when I moved into a new home, I lost my home number. The cell is my main link to friends, family and business contacts. And after having the number for so long, there's no way I could track every single friend or customer that has it (let alone notify them should I have to switch to a different carrier). As a small business owner, I cannot afford to get a new number, which would require new business cards and cause considerable headache and expense. And as a result, I am forced to accept whatever pricing plans, service coverage, etc. that Verizon puts upon me as a client. When service interruptions at the beginning of the year caused me to lose all voice mail, and not able to lose my phone, I considered a switch... but had to weigh the expense and loss of my phone number. Requiring mobile telephone providers to port telephone numbers would greatly improve the market, and allow competition for better pricing and service. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 619-977-5162 (provided I have not switched to a new provider). -- Scott Carr